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SUBJECT: JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF NPT

DESPITE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S RECENT CALL FOR JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF THE NPT DURING THE DIET SESSION WHICH BEGINS ON JANUARY 21, IT APPEARS RATIFICATION MAY SLIP BACK UNTIL AT LEAST AFTER THE UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS THIS SUMMER. CABINET-LEVEL OPPOSITION, PRIMARILY FROM TRADE MINISTER NAKASONE AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTER MORIYANA, IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELAY. CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR RATIFICATION EXISTS WITHIN THE RULING PARTY, HOWEVER, AND THE EXACT TIMING WILL DEPEND ON HOW HARD TANAKA DECIDES TO PUSH FOR EARLIER RATIFICATION.

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